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Consultation title

Updating the amateur radio licensing framework

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None

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Please state "Yes" or "No"

Yes

Your response

Question 1 (section 3): One licence

Is this a confidential response? Please state "Yes" or "No"

No

Do you agree with our proposal that each licensee should only be able to hold one personal licence? Please state "Yes" or "No"

Yes

Do you have any other comments on this proposal?

To place call signs from silent key operators on hold for 5 years to enable family members to apply for the call sign.

Question 1 (section 3): One licence

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Question 2 (section 3): Supervised use

Is this a confidential response? Please state "Yes" or "No"

No

Do you agree with our proposals to permit greater supervised use of the radio equipment by others? Please state "Yes" or "No"

Yes

Do you have any other comments on this proposal?

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Question 3 (section 4): M8 and M9 Call sign

Is this a confidential response? Please state "Yes" or "No"

No

Do you agree with our proposal to use M8 and M9 for Intermediate licensees going forward? Please state "Yes" or "No"

Yes

Do you have any other comments on this proposal?

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Question 4 (section 4): RSLs

Is this a confidential response? Please state "Yes" or "No"

No

Do you agree with our proposals to change our policies on the use of RSLs? Please state "Yes" or "No"

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Question 4 (section 4): RSLs

Yes

Do you have any other comments on this proposal?

Question 5 (section 4): Suffixes

Is this a confidential response? Please state "Yes" or "No"

No

Do you agree with our proposals to allow the use of any suffix? Please state "Yes" or "No"

No

Do you have any other comments on this proposal?

The free use of suffixes could lead to significant confusion and potential abuse.

Question 6 (section 4): Change call sign

Is this a confidential response? Please state "Yes" or "No"

No

Do you agree with our proposals to allow a change of call signs? Please state "Yes" or "No"

No

Do you have any other comments on this proposal?

Not clear why licence holders would wish to change their call sign after a period of time.

Question 7 (section 4): Call sign limits

Is this a confidential response? Please state "Yes" or "No"

Question 7 (section 4): Call sign limits

No

***Do you agree with our proposals on the limits to how many call signs can be held?
Please state "Yes" or "No"***

Yes

Do you have any other comments on this proposal?

Question 8 (section 4): Special event call signs

Is this a confidential response? Please state "Yes" or "No"

No

Do you agree with our proposal to simplify special event call signs? Please state "Yes" or "No"

Yes

Do you have any other comments on this proposal?

Question 9 (section 5): Increase transmit power

Is this a confidential response? Please state "Yes" or "No"

No

Do you agree with our proposals to increase transmit power? Please state "Yes" or "No"

Yes

Do you have any other comments on this proposal?

For foundation licence, increase power level to 25w PEP to align with PMR etc rather than the 20w PEP limit proposed.

Question 10 (section 5): Remote operation

Is this a confidential response? Please state "Yes" or "No"

No

Do you agree with our proposed changes to remote control operation? Please state "Yes" or "No"

Yes

Do you have any other comments on this proposal?

Question 11 (section 5): Beacons

Is this a confidential response? Please state "Yes" or "No"

No

Do you agree with our proposed changes to Beacon operation? Please state "Yes" or "No"

No

Do you have any other comments on this proposal?

Potential to have a large number of beacons in a local area leading to potential operational issues.

Question 12 (section 5): Gateways

Is this a confidential response? Please state "Yes" or "No"

No

Do you agree with our proposed changes to Gateways? Please state "Yes" or "No"

Yes

Do you have any other comments on this proposal?

Question 12 (section 5): Gateways**Question 13 (section 5): Repeaters**

Is this a confidential response? Please state "Yes" or "No"

No

Do you agree with our proposed changes to repeaters? Please state "Yes" or "No"

No

Do you have any other comments on this proposal?

Potential to have a large number of repeaters in a local area leading to potential operational issues.

Question 14 (section 5): Foundation Licence

Is this a confidential response? Please state "Yes" or "No"

No

*Do you agree with our proposed changes to allow Foundation Licence holders to build their own equipment and access the 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz frequency bands?
Please state "Yes" or "No"*

Yes

Do you have any other comments on this proposal?

Concern expressed by club members that Foundation licence holders could build transmitters without the design and construction being checked by more experienced licence holders. Potential to generate interference on other bands. Need to understand what safeguards will be put in place before full agreement to proposal.
Operation on 2.4GHz and 5GHz welcomed.

Question 15 (section 5): Airborne use

Is this a confidential response? Please state "Yes" or "No"

No

Do you agree to Ofcom's proposals to permit some limited airborne use? Please state "Yes" or "No"

Yes

Do you have any other comments on this proposal?

Question 16 (section 5): Alignment of terms and conditions

Is this a confidential response? Please state "Yes" or "No"

No

Do you agree to Ofcom's proposed changes in licence format and the alignment of standard terms and conditions? Please state "Yes" or "No"

Yes

Do you have any other comments on this proposal?

Question 17 (section 3): Changes to licence terms and conditions

Is this a confidential response? Please state "Yes" or "No"

No

Do you agree to Ofcom's proposed changes to the licence terms and conditions? Please state "Yes" or "No"

Yes

Do you have any other comments on this proposal?

Question 17 (section 3): Changes to licence terms and conditions

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